

The purpose of the scoping meeting/open house is to describe the management planning effort for Glen Echo Park and to solicit concerns about future management of the park. Through a workshop format the meeting will provide an overview of the planning effort and an opportunity for the public to discuss their concerns with park staff and provide verbal and written comments.

We encourage all who have an interest in the park's future to attend or to contact the Park Superintendent by letter or telephone, at George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101, telephone number: 703-285-2600.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

**Audrey F. Calhoun,**

*Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

**DATES:** February 24, 1998; 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters, 100 Red Jacket Road (2nd floor), Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471.

The Chairman's welcome; minutes of the previous meeting; update on the general management plan; update on park activities; old business; new business; next meeting date; adjournment. This meeting is open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Frank C. Fiala, P.O. Box 471, Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471, 906-337-3168.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Keweenaw National Historical Park was established by Public Law 102-543 on October 27, 1992.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

**William W. Schenk,**

*Regional Director, Midwest Region.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-389]

### Implications for U.S. Trade and Competitiveness of a Broad-Based Consumption Tax

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 8, 1998.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt on December 15, 1997, of a request from the House Committee on Ways and Means (Committee), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-389, Implications for U.S. Trade and Competitiveness of a Broad-based Consumption Tax, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Information on economic aspects of the investigation may be obtained from Hugh Arce, Office of Economics (202-205-3234) or William Donnelly, Office of Economics (202-205-3223), and on legal aspects, from William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

### Background

The Committee's letter noted that there are several proposals to significantly reform the current U.S. income tax system, including many that can be characterized as consumption taxes. Examples noted in the letter include a flat tax, a national retail sales tax, and a value-added tax. It noted that a number of studies have examined the effects of consumption-based taxes on international trade and found a wide range of effects on investment, imports, and exports, depending upon how the consumption tax is structured.

As requested by the Committee, the Commission in its report on the investigation will provide an analysis of the implications for U.S. trade and competitiveness of replacing the current income tax system with a broad-based consumption tax. The Commission will also analyze various consumption tax proposals such as those noted above. In addition, the Commission will provide a review of current economic analyses on this topic, and a discussion of the key technical issues that can

significantly affect the relationship between tax policy and international trade.

The Commission will provide its report by June 15, 1998.

### Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held in the Commission hearing room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 5, 1998. All persons have the right to appear by counsel or in person to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436 no later than COB, February 26, 1998. Prehearing statements should be filed not later than COB February 26, 1998. Any posthearing submissions must be filed not later than COB March 19, 1998.

In the event that, as of COB March 4, 1998, no witnesses have filed a request to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1816) after March 4, 1998, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

### Written Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written statements (one original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. (Generally, submission of separate confidential and public versions of the submission would be appropriate.) All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than March 19, 1998. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission